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Dear Jim,

The amount of time I've put in on Ray's defense is so great it would not be believed if I had a way of computing it. I think I can remember most of the travel.

I went to see James at Petros three times, for one day, for two and for three (the time the guards were on strike I couldn't see him.) On these trips I stayed at an airport motel. Once I went no further, returning to Washington (having already been to Memphis that trip). Two times I went to New Orleans. I also went to New York on the case and in a single trip to St. Louis and Leavenworth.

On the trip to St. Louis and Leavenworth (taking statements for the habeas corpus) I was, as I recall, six days.

The New York trip, three days. Stayed at the Roosevelt.

The Memphis-Knoxville-Petros-Washington trip was about a week.

I can't remember much about the first New Orleans trip. The second lasted close to a week or a week. The other probably a day or so less.

Each of these trips also meant about $10.00 in car use to get to the airport and about $2.50 a day for parking the car while I was gone.

I don't remember what car rentals came to. I generally used small cars. Once when I didn't rent a car I paid Jerry's expenses instead, so it is about the same as if I had rented a car. (St. Louis to Leavenworth to St. Louis, hotels, motels, etc.)

I made at least 50 trips to Washington to confer with you and Bud, each meaning a little over a hundred miles in driving and about $2.50 each day in parking.

Photographic costs were over $~~1,000.00~~ $100.00. I guess I've used about 100 cassettes.

On these trips I was at least 75 days because when I was away I worked a long day.

In correspondence with James, his family and others he knew and knows, I have spent a fantastic amount of time, I'd say close to 2,000 hours and quite possibly more.

I have obtained data from the morgues (libraries) of at least four papers, a magazine and two wire services, I'd guess at least 200 xeroxes.

I have spent countless hours in other work. You know how much time I put in on the petition. I have gone over court transcripts and written lengthy memos on the evidence, etc. Including this, interviews, other investigations, I'd say another 1,000 hours would be conservative.

This work is not complete. I have located witnesses I have not been able to interview, pictures I have not been able to copy, things like that. There remains a number of witnesses from whom statements should be taken.

And I have not received a penny for my time. Oh yes, telephones. With Jerry alone I'd say at least $100.00. He used to call me reverse. Once, from St. Louis, about 4 hours.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg